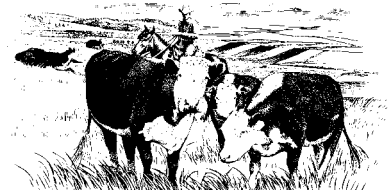


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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 10.62 million head on June 1, 2004. The inventory was 1 percent above June 1, 2003, but 3 percent below June 1, 2002. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.36 million, 2 percent above 2003 and 4 percent above 2002. Net placements were 2.28 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 495 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 486 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 772 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 610 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.03 million, 9 percent below 2003 and 7 percent below 2002. Other disappearance totaled 79.0 thousand during May, 22 percent above 2003 and 3 percent above 2002.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 520 thousand head on June 1, 2004, 4 percent above last month and 7 percent above June 2003. During May, placements of 91.0 thousand head were 10 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 63.0 thousand head were 5 percent below May of 2003. Other disappearance totaled 8.00 thousand head.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES

State	Number On Feed May 1 ^{1/}			Placed During May		Marketed During May	
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2003	2004
Thousand Head							
Arizona	269	295	110	38	29	39	28
California	470	500	106	83	91	66	63
Colorado	1,000	940	94	205	265	205	180
Idaho	275	250	91	53	74	67	67
Iowa	370	415	112	48	50	70	63
Kansas	2,270	2,240	99	550	495	530	465
Nebraska	2,080	2,100	101	360	390	500	470
New Mexico	101	105	104	30	28	20	12
Oklahoma	330	310	94	98	92	67	70
South Dakota	210	200	95	34	28	44	37
Texas	2,680	2,560	96	730	740	520	480
Washington	170	160	94	30	35	39	39
Other States	310	285	92	48	46	71	54
UNITED STATES	10,535	10,360	98	2,307	2,363	2,238	2,028
State	Other Disappearance During May ^{2/}		Number On Feed June 1 ^{1/}		2004/2003		
	2003	2004	2003	2004	Percent		
Thousand Head					Percent		
Arizona	2	2	266	294	111		
California	2	8	485	520	107		
Colorado	10	15	990	1,010	102		
Idaho	1	2	260	255	98		
Iowa	3	2	345	400	116		
Kansas	20	20	2,270	2,250	99		
Nebraska	10	10	1,930	2,010	104		
New Mexico	1	2	110	119	108		
Oklahoma	1	2	360	330	92		
South Dakota	2	3	198	188	95		
Texas	10	10	2,880	2,810	98		
Washington	1	1	160	155	97		
Other States	2	2	285	275	96		
UNITED STATES	65	79	10,539	10,616	101		

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during May 2004 totaled 109.8 million pounds (dressed weight), 5 percent below the previous month and 11 percent below May 2003. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In May 2004, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,301 pounds; calves 160 pounds; and hogs 245 pounds.

U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM PREVIOUS MONTH

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.60 billion pounds in May, down 9 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in May 2003.

Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 12 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.84 million head, down 13 percent from May 2003. The average live weight, at 1,204 pounds, was down 4 pounds from the previous year.

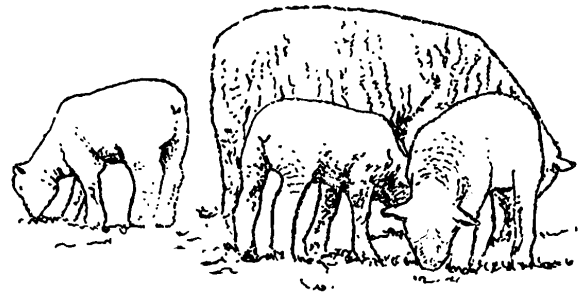
Veal production totaled 13.8 million pounds, 13 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 64.9 thousand head, down 15 percent from May 2003. The average live weight was 355 pounds, 12 pounds above last year.

Pork production totaled 1.50 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.58 million head, 3 percent below May 2003. The average live weight was 1 pound below the previous year, at 266 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.0 million pounds, was down 14 percent from May 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 188.5 thousand head, 15 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 1 pound from May a year ago.

January to May 2004 commercial red meat production was 18.4 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 9 percent from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

May 2003 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays, while May 2004 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.



COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, MAY 2003-04 ^{1/}

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	118.8	102.7	153,217	133,565	1,290	1,301
U.S. Total	3,247.6	2,836.2	3,921,750	3,415,563	1,208	1,204
CALVES						
California	10.9	6.9	2,081	1,104	190	160
U.S. Total	76.4	64.9	26,219	23,059	343	355
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	222.2	188.5	30,517	26,049	137	138
HOGS						
California	199.5	183.8	47,992	45,091	241	245
U.S. Total	7,815.8	7,578.7	2,090,599	2,014,254	267	266
RED MEAT	May 2003	April 2004	May 2004	May 04 May 03	May 04 Apr. 04	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	122.7	115.6	109.8	89	95	
U.S. Total	3,942.4	3,713.3	3,597.0	91	97	

^{1/} Farm slaughter excluded.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/

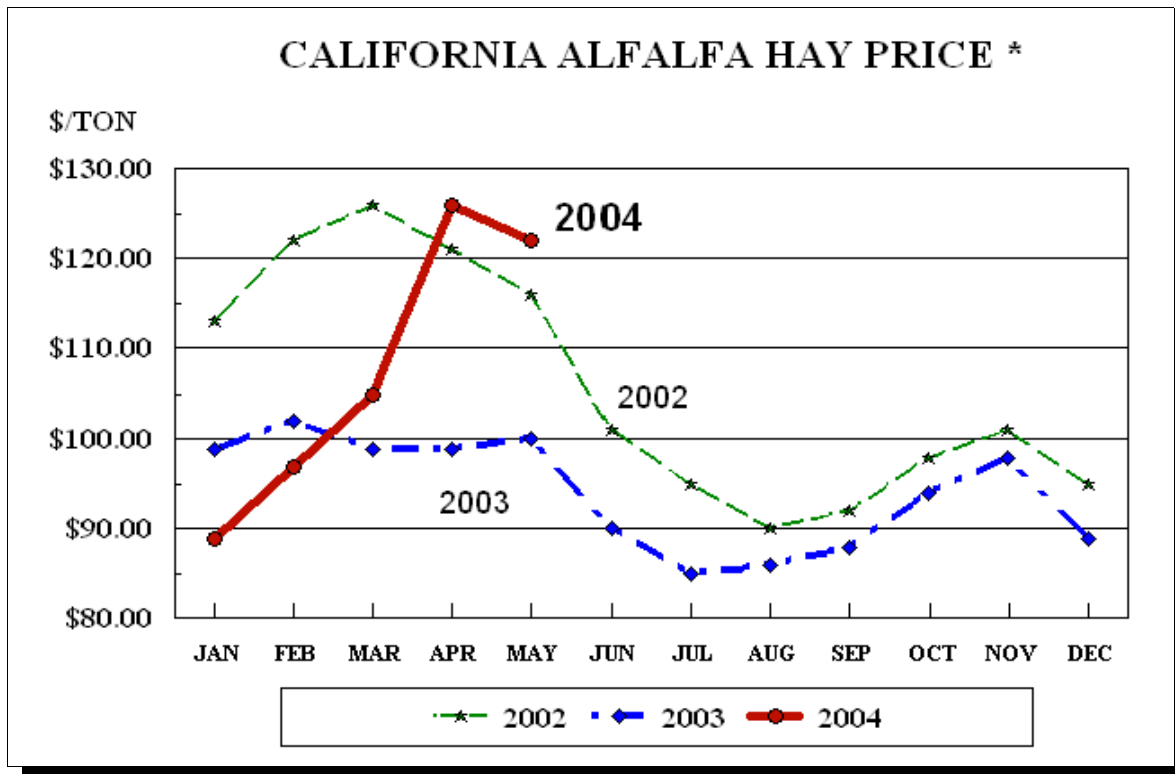
Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		May 2003	April 2004	May 15, 2004	May 2003	April 2004	May 15, 2004
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	98.00	120.00	117.00	98.00	89.60	101.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	100.00	126.00	122.00	100.00	92.70	109.00
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	41.30	47.40	57.80
Cows 2/	Cwt.	42.00	48.50	48.00	42.40	50.50	52.40
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	78.50	87.00	91.50	79.60	88.90	92.60
Calves 2/	Cwt.	94.00	115.00	109.00	100.00	117.00	122.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	30.00	35.00	---	31.30	37.10	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	91.00	91.00	---	97.60	100.00	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	9.95	17.53	19.00	11.00	18.20	20.30

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.



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